

Prior
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IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel in this application original claims 1-5 and 7 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

6. (Amended) A method for the detection of a slimb protein complex comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a slimb protein, and a sample suspected of containing one or more proteins capable of forming a complex with said slimb protein;
- b) exposing said slimb protein to said one or more proteins capable of forming a complex with said slimb protein under conditions such that said slimb protein binds to said one or more proteins capable of forming a complex with said slimb protein to form a slimb protein complex; and
- c) detecting said slimb protein complex.

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-5 of the prior application, as amended, have been allowed. Claims 6-10 of the prior application were subject to a restriction requirement. The present divisional application filed herewith cancels claim 1-5 and 7 and presents claims 6 and 8-10 for examination. Claim 6 has been amended hereby to incorporate the limitations of canceled claim 7 and to bring claim 6 into conformity with allowed claim 1 of the prior application.